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has made it possible to display specimens belonging to the Spear collection of Polynesian material and other specimens withheld from exhibition because of lack of space. A further display of California and Nevada basketry from the Gottschall collection has also been possible, while the archæological collections from Egypt and Europe and ethnological material from India and the Philippines have been rearranged.

The department has as heretofore been under the care of Miss H. N. Wardle, who, beside the rearrangement above described, has prepared numerous labels.

Mr. Clarence B. Moore has placed on exhibition the valuable objects found on his Green River expedition and has provided a new horizontal exhibition case for their display.

WITMER STONE, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL G. DIXON,
HENRY A. PILSBRY,
HENRY TUCKER.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE WILLIAM S. VAUX COLLECTION.

The past year has been rendered epochal in the history of the William S. Vaux collection by the installation of new cases, in which the entire collection has been rearranged. On completion of re-labelling, which is under way, the collection will be in creditable condition.

Accessions during the year include ten specimens of calcite and geyserite from Yellowstone National Park, presented by Mrs. Walcott, and eighteen specimens purchased. Most important among the latter were hopeite and parahopeite from Rhodesia and several meteorites.

I again take pleasure in acknowledging the active and efficient assistance of Mr. Samuel G. Gordon, on whom devolved most of the actual work of transferring the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. KEELEY, *Curator Wm. S. Vaux Collection.*

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS.

BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.—The Section has held six stated meetings during the year.

The Conservator reports the presentation to the Section, by

Mrs. Edward S. Sayres, of Prof. Henry Carvill Lewis' microscope, a Beck National, together with a case of miscellaneous slides.

Communications on various subjects were made by the following members: Hugo Bilgram, F. J. Keeley, T. Chalkley Palmer, Dr. Thomas S. Stewart, W. H. Van Sickel, S. L. Schumo, Dr. D. W. Horn and C. S. Boyer.

The following officers were chosen for the year 1917:

<i>Director</i>	Dr. J. Cheston Morris.
<i>Vice-Director</i>	T. Chalkley Palmer.
<i>Recorder</i>	Charles S. Boyer.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. Thomas S. Stewart.
<i>Conservator</i>	F. J. Keeley.

CHARLES S. BOYER, *Recorder*.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.—The Section has held six stated meetings during the year, with an average attendance of ten. Three members and an associate were elected.

Communications on subjects of interest were made at each meeting. Among those contributing were Henry Skinner, Philip P. Calvert, James A. G. Rehn, Philip Laurent, Morgan Hebard, and J. C. Bradley.

The following officers were elected for the year 1917:

<i>Director</i>	Philip Laurent.
<i>Vice-Director</i>	R. C. Williams, Jr.
<i>Secretary</i>	J. A. G. Rehn.
<i>Treasurer</i>	E. T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator</i>	Henry Skinner.
<i>Recorder</i>	E. T. Cresson, Jr.
<i>Publication Committee</i>	E. T. Cresson, P. P. Calvert, E. T. Cresson, Jr.

E. T. CRESSON, JR., *Recorder*.

BOTANICAL SECTION.—At the annual meeting, held December 19, 1916, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Direc.or</i>	Ida A. Keller, Ph.D.
<i>Vice-Director</i>	Joseph Crawford.
<i>Recorder</i>	John W. Eckfeldt, M.D.
<i>Conservator and Treasurer</i>	Stewardson Brown.

BENJ. H. SMITH, *Director*.

MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION FOR 1916.—The Section held four meetings, with increased average attendance. Communications were made by Prof. Thomas C. Brown, on Paleozoic Reef Deposits and on Petroleum and Natural Gas in Butler County, Pennsylvania; by Mr. F. Lynwood Garrison, on the World's Supply of Minerals, and by Prof. Florence Bascom, on some of the National Parks. Other subjects of geological or mineralogical interest were discussed.

There were four field excursions, with an average attendance of 20. The places visited were: (1) portions of the New Red Gwynedd shales and Norristown shales, also Hudson River shales, all in Bucks County; (2) certain exposures of crystalline rocks between Philadelphia and West Chester; (3) crystalline rocks and their minerals near the southern edge of Delaware County; (4) crystalline rocks and their minerals between Media and Newtown Square, Delaware County.

The following officers of the Section have been elected for the year 1917:

<i>Director</i>	Benjamin Smith Lyman.
<i>Vice-Director</i>	F. J. Keeley.
<i>Recorder and Secretary</i>	W. B. Davis.
<i>Treasurer and Conservator</i>	George Vaux, Jr.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Section,

BENJ. SMITH LYMAN, *Director*.

ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.—The Section has been active during the year in encouraging ornithological work at the Academy. The Pennsylvania Audubon Society and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club have held their meetings in the building, with the result that a broader interest has been taken in the ornithological department and many valuable accessions have been received.

November 13–16 the American Ornithologists' Union held its annual meeting at the Academy, bringing to our museum leading ornithologists from all parts of the United States and Canada. The meeting was the largest and most successful ever held by the Union and drew to the Academy large numbers of visitors.

At the annual meeting of the Section the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Director</i>	Spencer Trotter.
<i>Vice-Director</i>	George Spencer Morris.

